

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 91-305-C - ORDER NO. 91-668 ✓  
AUGUST 6, 1991

IN RE: Petition of BellSouth Mobility Inc.	)	ORDER
and US Telecom, Inc. for Approval	)	GRANTING
to Assign BellSouth Mobility Inc.'s	)	AUTHORIZATION
Certificate of Public Convenience	)	TO TRANSFER
and Necessity for South Carolina	)	ASSETS AND
Rural Service Area No. 1 Cellular	)	ASSIGN
Authorization.	)	AUTHORIZATIONS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a Petition filed on May 22, 1991, by BellSouth Mobility, Inc. ("BMI") and US Telecom, Inc., ("US Telecom") requesting the Commission's authorization to assign BMI's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") as to South Carolina Rural Service Area No. 1 to US Telecom. The Petition was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-11-140 (Law. Co-op. 1976 and 1990 Supp.), as amended.

The hearing in this matter was held in the Offices of the Commission, 111 Doctor's Circle, Columbia, South Carolina on Thursday, August 1, 1991, at 10:30 a.m. M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, represented BMI and US Telecom and F. David Butler, Staff Counsel, represented the Commission Staff. No one appeared in opposition to the Petition.

BMI and US Telecom presented the testimony of Thomas J. Curran. Mr. Curran is Director of External Affairs for Centel Cellular Company ("Centel") and Centel is currently the Manager of the system for BMI and will continue in that position for US Telecom. Mr. Curran testified that pursuant to an agreement between BMI and US Telecom, BMI had agreed to the assignment of all Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") authorization for South Carolina RSA No. 1 to construct and operate a cellular system on the band B frequencies. The FCC granted approval of the assignment effective June 24, 1991, and reflected approval of such assignment in its Public Notice dated June 26, 1991.

Mr. Curran further testified that BMI, a Georgia corporation having its principal place of business in Atlanta, Georgia, was granted a CPCN by the Commission to operate a cellular telephone system in South Carolina RSA No. 1 (Oconee County) by way of Order No. 91-228, dated March 22, 1991, in Docket No. 91-17-C. US Telecom, a wholly owned subsidiary of United Telecommunications, Inc. a Kansas Corporation, having its principal place of business in Westwood, Kansas, has management that have been involved in and very knowledgeable of construction, operations and management of cellular systems. US Telecom proposes to continue operation of the

cellular mobile radio telephone system in Oconee County. Witness Curran stated that the acquisition of the assets of BMI by US Telecom should in no way operate to the detriment of the prospective subscribers and will not impair the financial position of US Telecom nor will such acquisition affect adversely its ability to render service.

Mr. Curran further stated that BMI currently has a contractual arrangement with Centel in which Centel, under the supervision and control of BMI, has constructed, and now operates, and manages this cellular radio communications services for BMI. US Telecom and Centel have agreed that such arrangement will likewise be assigned and those same obligations are to be assumed by US Telecom and Centel respectively.

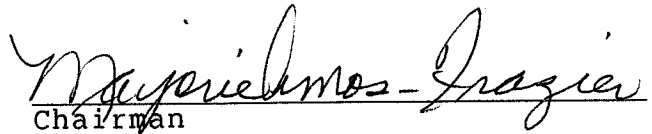
The Commission finds that the assignment and transfer of assets and Commission authorizations from BMI to US Telecom is in the interest of the public and should be granted. The Commission also finds US Telecom to be fit, willing and able to provide cellular radio communications service to the public.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the approval of the assignment and transfer of assets and Commission authorizations from BMI to US Telecom is hereby granted.

2. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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